Pollution control board's clearance to non-polluting units

2181. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that non-polluting industrial units before setting up their projects require Pollution Control Board's clearance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal before the Pollution Control Board to notify such industries which will require Pollution Control Board's clearance; and

(d) by when Government are likely to notify such industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No Sir. Under the provision of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, no person can establish or take any step to establish any industry, operation or process or any treatment and disposal system or make an extension or addition thereto which is likely to discharge sewage or trade effluent or operate any industrial plant which may cause air pollution in any Air Pollution Control Area without the previous concent of the State Pollution Control Board.

(c) and (d) No Sir. However, under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification. 1994 dated 27-1-94 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act. 1986, environmental clearance from the Ministrty of Environment and Forests is necessary for 29 categories of Industrial Units above a required threshold. Even in these cases "No Objection Certificate" from the State Pollution Control Boards is mandatory.

Ganga Action Plan

2182. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the present status of Ganga Action plan Stage-n ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): The Ganga Action Plan Phase-II includes the following works :

(i) Works on the major polluted tributaries of Ganga namely, Yamuna. Gomati and Damodar;

(ii) Works in the 25 Class I towns along the Ganga which could not be included in Pha«e-I; and

(iii) Works in the other towns along the Ganga which have not been taken up in Phase-I and where river is found polluted.

Action Plan for rivers Yamuna and Gomati have been approved by the Government and the works on these rivers have begun. The proposal for abatement of pollution of river Damodar have not been received from the concerned State Governments of Bihar and West Bengal.

Works in other towns on the main strem of the river Ganca in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar except in West Bengal, are at an advance* stage of concideration of the Government.

Reorientation of the Management of Zoos

2183. SHRI RAJNI RANIAN SAHU : Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the Government's consideration to re-orient management of zoos in the country on scientific lines and set up Safari parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places in the country where such parks will be *set* up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Zoo Authority is taking steps for recognition of zoos as per the provisions of Recognition of zoon rules, 1992, on various aspects of zoo management. It is evaluating the zoos and suggesting for rectifications of the shortcoming for better zoo management in future. It is providing financial assistance also to the zoos within available resources, for improvement of the zoos.

(c) Establishment of Safari parks is a matter for the State Governments to decide upon CZA's responsibility is only to ride the guidelines; and to monitor their adherence to those guidlines.

वन्य जीवों का विलुप्त होना

2184. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कस्तूरी मृग की प्रजातियां विपुल विलुप्त होती जा रही हैं ;

(ख) उन वन्य-जीवों और पक्षियों के नाम क्या है जो विलुप्त होने के कगार पर हैं; और